TOP SECRET

1
6/5
Taipei (5/10/55)

5 February 1953

General Chow Chih-jou
Chief of General Staff
Ministry of National Defense
Taipei, Taiwan, China

Dear General Chow:

In view of the demoralization of Formosa and the Pescadores, as recently announced by President Eisenhower, I desire to bring the following points to your attention:

a. Confirming the conversation held at the President's house after lunch on February 1, I request that you make no significant attacks on Communist-held territory without first consulting me. This is in no way intended to limit your scheme of operations, but is merely to keep me informed, so that MAAG may be able to advise and assist in every possible way.

b. I suggest that immediate thought be given and plans be made to blockade the China mainland, with respect to Chinese Communists shipping only, from Swatow to Ta-chen, both inclusive, and that I be informed of these plans in order that Navy Section, MAAG, and Air Section, MAAG, be enabled to assist in every possible way. Before any blockade is put in operation, however, I desire to be informed.

c. I recommend that plans be made at once to increase the frequency of raids, not only from the "off-shore" islands, but also from Formosa and the Pescadores, and that both little raids and big ones be planned and executed on a wide front in order to obtain prisoners and worry and confuse the Communist coastal defenses. Again I suggest that I be informed of these plans so that my General Staff and MAAG sections may assist to the maximum degree.

d. I further recommend that your naval surface reconnaissance and your CAF air reconnaissance measures be increased in order to secure more information about the enemy and about shipping in the Formosa Straits.

Please let me express my complete satisfaction and pleasure that Formosa and the Pescadores have been demoralized. I have been waiting for over a year to accomplish this, and I am happy that President Eisenhower has actually done it.

Please rest assured that MAAG, Formosa, is at your service as ever to help in every possible way. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Very sincerely,

William C. Chase
Major General, USA
Chief

TOP SECRET